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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

RADEMACHER, Thomas William, et al.

Application No.: (not yet known)

Filed: (Submitted herewith)

For: DERIVATISED ANTIBODIES WITH  
EXPOSED CARBOHYDRATE CHAINS  
CAPABLE OF BINDING TO  
IMMOBILISED IGG

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. The Amendments merely conform the claims to U.S. practice with respect to claim dependency issues and introduce no new matter. Support for the amendments is replete throughout the specification and claims as filed.

3 (Amended). The method of claim 1 [or claim 2], wherein the method includes the step of using B-galactosidase to remove terminal galactose residues from the precursor antibody.

4 (Amended). The method of [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1, wherein the chemical derivatisating step comprises thiolating the antibody in the presence of carbonate.

5 (Amended). The method of claim 1 [any one of the preceding claims], wherein the method includes the step of separating derivatised antibodies which can associate with one

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